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SUBJECT: APRIL 4 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. KOREA

NYT/WP HEADLINE TONGSUN PARK'S CAPITOL HILL OPEN TESTIMONY
4/3, W/MOST OTHER PAPERS GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE. SPEAKING
BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE, PARK OUTLINED SOME 850,000
DOLS IN PAYMENTS--MOSTLY CASH--HE MADE TO CONGRESSMEN
IN RECENT YRS. DESPITE DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE THAT HE
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REPORTED TO KCIA, PARK CONTINUED DENY HE ACTED AS ROKG
AGENT, SAYING, "WHATEVER I DID IN THIS COUNTRY, I DID
ON MY OWN." PARK TESTIFIED BULK OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS--
MORE THAN 600,000 DOLS--WENT TO REPS PASSMAN ("LA)/HANNA
(D-CALIF)/GALLAGHER (D-NJ) BECAUSE THEY HELPED HIM
RETAIN JOB AS EXCLUSIVE AGENT FOR US RICE SALES TO SK
(BABCOCK, WP; HALLORAN, NYT; SCALLY/DE SILVA, REUTER
4/3; AP'S ADAMS, PHINQ; OLSON, SUN; COATES, CHITRIB;
VOLZ, NYDN; WSJ).

IN 4/4 REUTER ITEM, DE SILVA NOTES PARK CONTENDS DOCUMENTS
DOJ SEIZED FROM HIS WASHINGTON HOME SHOW ONLY CONTEMPLATED
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RATHER THAN ACTUAL CASH PAYMENTS.
NYT ALSO PRINTS UPI'S LIST OF CONGRESSMEN WHO RECEIVED
PAYMENTS, ACCORDING PARK.
SPEAKING IN SEOUL TUES, SK AMB KIM YONG-SHIK SAID
FORMER AMB KIM DONG-JO WILL NOT RESPOND IN ANY WAY TO
QUESTIONING BY US CONGRESSIONAL PROBERS ABOUT ALLEGED
KOREAN INFLUENCEBUYING. FONMIN SPOKESMAN ADDED THIS
STATEMENT REAFFIRMED ROKG'S POSITION THAT IT WOULD NOT
WAIVE DIPLO IMMUNITY TO ALLOW QUESTIONING KIM DONG-JO
(REUTER'S LEE, SEOUL).

SK FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN CALLED IN MIN STERN AT AMEMB
SEOUL TUES TO ASK FOR USG CLARIFICATION OF REPORT THAT
FORMER US AMB PORTER, IN CBS INTERVIEW, SAID US INTELL
AGENCY BUGGED "BLUE HOUSE" PRIOR TO 1967. FONMIN TOLD
STERN THAT IF PRES' MANSION BUGGED, SK WOULD LODGE
"STRONG PROTEST". STERN REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT AMEMB/DOS
OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED ANY EAVESDROPPING IN PAST. ALSO
REFERRED TO STATEMENT MADE BY DOS' RESTON 4/3, CALLING
ATTENTION TO CIA DIRECTOR TURNER'S DENIAL LAST AUGUST
OF ANY SUCH BUGGING PRACTICES IN SEOUL (REUTER SEOUL).
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WESTINGHOUSE ANNOUNCES SIGNED CONTRACTS W/KOREA ELECTRIC
COMPANY FOR 2 NUKE REACTORS/INITIAL PROCESSING NUKE
FUEL. SEOUL REPORTS SAY DEAL WORTH TOTAL 168.6 MIL
DOLS, BUT WESTINGHOUSE DECLINED COMMENT ON FIGURES
(NYT; WSJ).

WB TO LOAN SK 120-MIL-DOLS TO HELP FINANCE PROJECT
DESIGNED IMPROVE COUNTRY'S RAIL SYSTEM (REUTER 4/3).

2. JAPAN

AS DOLLAR FELL TO ANOTHER POSTWAR LOW OF 218.20 AGAINST
YEN ON TOKYO FOREX MART TUES, FUKUDA TOLD DIET SITUATION
"ABNORMAL"/REPRESENTED FAR MORE DOLLAR'S WEAKNESS THAN
YEN'S STRENGTH. PM SAID "VERY FRANK TALKS" BETW US-JAPAN
NECESSARY/PROMISED PURSUE CURRENCY ISSUE IN WASHINGTON/AT
THIS SUMMER'S ECON SUMMIT (MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO; JOC
TOKYO; WSJ).

IN RELATED ITEM, JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS GOLD/FOREX
RESERVES HELD BY JAPAN REACHED ALLTIME HIGH IN MARCH OF
29.2 BIL DOLS. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID RESERVE
HOLDINGS CLIMBED OVER 5 BIL DOLS LAST MONTH, MAINLY DUE
SUPPORT-BUYING OF DOLLARS BY BANK OF JAPAN.

SEARS, ROEBUCK MAY BECOME 1ST FON BUSINESS TO ISSUE YEN
BONDS IN JAPAN, ACCORDING "NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN."

SECURITIES FIRM BELIEVED INVOLVED OFFERED NO COMMENT ON REPORT (AP, WP).

JAPANESE CABINET APPROVES DECISION OPEN NARITA AIRPORT 5/20, BEGIN FLIGHTS 5/21. ELITE POLICE SQUAD DESIGNED PROTECT AIRPORT FROM LEFT-WING ATTACKS WILL ALSO BE FORMED (REUTER TOKYO).

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HIRSOHI ITO--FORMER EXEC LOCKHEED'S JAPANESE AGENT--TESTIFIED IN TANAKA TRIAL THAT HE GAVE SOME 90,000 DOLS IN BRIBES TO FORMER PM, HIS TRANSPORT MIN, AND CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY (AP, WSJ).

3. VIETNAM

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HAS SPONSORED EFFORT DONATE 2-MIL-DOLS WORTH US WHEAT--MUCH OF WHICH DONATED BY AMERICAN FARMERS--TO VIETNAM. SHIPMENT INTENDED FOR VIET HOSPITALS/SCHOOLS/WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE IN VN. GROUP ALSO USED SHIPMENT'S SAILING AS OCCASION CRITICIZE ADMIN'S CONTINUED LACK NORMAL RELS W/VN, USG'S REFUSAL ASSIST IN PROJECT (NYT).

4. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE TUG CREWS HAVE REFUSED ALLOW S AFR CARGO SHIP LEAVE SYDNEY UNTIL THEY ARE INFORMED ABOUT WELFARE OF BLACK AFR LEADER'S STEVE BIKO'S FAMILY. HARBOR CREW UNION REP GENRL SEC HENDERSON SAID SO FAR ONLY SKETCHY REPLIES RECEIVED TO REQUESTS FOR INFO (REUTER SYDNEY, 4/3).

AUSSIE POLICE SAY NEARLY 1,000 WILL BE CHARGED IN ALLEGED MULTI-MIL-DOL MEDICAL PENSION RACKET INVOLVING SYDNEY'S GREEK COMMUNITY. PROCEEDINGS BEGAN WHEN 4 MEN CHARGED W/RECRUITING MEMBERS OF GREEK COMMUNITY/PAYING THEM 1,000 DOLS EACH TO FEIGN NEED OF SICKNESS BENEFITS (REUTER SYDNEY, 4/3).

5. NEW ZEALAND

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CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) SAYS TRADE/SOVIET PRESENCE IN S PAC SHOULD DOMINATE MONDALE-MULDOON WELLINGTON TALKS 4/10. MULDOON REPORTEDLY PREPARING PUSH FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO US MKT FOR NZ BEEF/CHEESE/MFRD GOODS.

6. CHINA

PRC-EEC SIGNED 5-YR TRADE PACT MONDAY, GIVING PEKING MFN TRADING STATUS W/COMMUNITY; CHINESE URGED EUROPEANS UNITE IN JOINT FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET POWER POLITICS; DEAL IMMEDIATELY CONDEMNED BY KREMLIN (UPI, JOC BRUSSELS; WSJ BRUSSELS; WP'S SHAW).

AFP (CHI S-T PEKING 3/29) CITES "PD" STORY THAT CHINESE HAIRDRESSERS, WHOSE BUSINESS FACING DISASTER SINCE GPCR, NOW NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FIXED-PRICE SYSTEM; WILL BE ALLOWED INCREASE ANNUAL PROFITS, THANKS TO NEW SLOGAN: "PAY MORE FOR WELL-DRESSED HAIR."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. PHILIPPINES

IN HK, CSM'S MORITZ SAYS RESULTS OF 4/7 NATL ELECTION ARE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EXPECTED POSE IMMEDIATE THREAT TO MARCOS RULE, YET SHAPE OF IT MAY WELL BE STRETCHED. NOTES ANALYSTS SAY EVEN IF AQUINO LOSES ELECTION BID, MARTIAL LAW IN PHILS MAY NO LONGER BE SAME. EXPLAINS REASON IS THAT OPPOSITION SLATE MAY WIN REPRESENTATION IN INTERIM NATL ASSEMBLY; AND EVEN IF JUST FEW ELECTED, MARTIAL LAW FOES WOULD THEN HAVE OFFICIAL PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO AIR CHARGES OF CORRUPTION/HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST MARCOS REGIME. MORITZ FEELS SUCH RESULT COULD POSE LONG-TERM CHALLENGE TO PRES' ABILITY TO ISOLATE OPPOSITION/DEPRIVE IT OF PUBLICITY THAT MIGHT GATHER UNCLASSIFIED

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POPULAR SUPPORT--ALTHO SUCH RESULT ALSO COULD BENEFIT MARCOS BY GIVING HIS AUTHORITARIAN RULE APPEARANCE OF ORGANIZED DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION AT TIME WHEN HE IS UNDER INCREASING ATTACK BY US HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES; ALSO, IMPROVED IMAGE COULD HELP IN MIL-BASES NEGOTS W/US.

ACCORDING JACK ANDERSON (WP), DOS HAS EVIDENCE MARCOS HAS MAPS TO ESTIMATED 100 BIL DOLS WORTH OF WWII BOOTY THAT JAPANESE PLUNDERED IN ASIA/BURIED IN PHILS. SAYS THIS TREASURE STASHED IN 172 SECRET LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT PHILS, INCLUDING SHIPS THAT WERE DELIBERATELY SCUTTLED. CLAIMS MARCOS ALLEGEDLY FORMED SECRET COMBINE ("LEBER") WHICH NOW TRYING RECOVER LOOT. ANDERSON SAYS "THIS FANTASTIC STORY" TOLD IN APPROX 1,000 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS/ 30 HRS OF TAPES NOW IN DOS POSSESSION--BUT SINCE NO US LAWS SEEM VIOLATED, DOS HAS MADE NO EFFORT CONFIRM STORY. BUT ANDERSON CONTENDS HE HAS ESTABLISHED BEYOND DOUBT THAT LEBER COMBINE NOT ONLY EXISTS BUT HAS BEEN TRYING RECOVER BOOTY.

REUTER'S BICKLER (MANILA) FINDS PHILS' FIRST NATL ELECTIONS UNDER MARTIAL LAW TAKING PLACE IN FESTIVAL/FIESTA ATMOSPHERE, W/GOVT AND OPPOSITION CANDIDATES TRYING WOO VOTERS W/FILM STARS/TV PERSONALITIES/MUSIC. OBSERVES IMELDA HAS TOTALLY FREE MOVEMENT AS LEADER OF HER PARTY, WHICH AQUINO DOES NOT--BUT HIS NAME CLEARLY REMAINS POWERFUL RALLYING POINT.

8. CHINA

CSM'S FRASER (PEKING) OBSERVES THAT AMID FULL-SCALE POSTER "WAR" GRIPPING PEKING U AS RESULT OF NEW ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS, CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE FIGHTING UNCLASSIFIED

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BACK HARD--ALSO W/POSTERS. FEELS CONTROVERSIAL/ CHALLENGING DAZIBAO OF OLDER STUDENTS IN LIKELY BE FIRST TEST OF NEW CONSTITUTION'S SECTION ON "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CITIZENS."

9. KOREA

KILIAN (CHITRIB) OPINES BEST THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT DOJ'S "GLACIAL PROGRESS" IS THAT IT'S NO SLOWER THAN CONGRESS' OWN KOREAGATE PROBE. ON PROSPECTS THAT CONGRESS MAY ACTUALLY CUT MIL AID PKG TO SK THIS YR, KILIAN SAYS SEOUL MUST RECEIVE THESE REPORTS WONDERING IF RUSSIANS ARE SENDING "SPURIOUS WACKO MESSAGES OVER US COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS." CONCLUDES W/OBSERVATION THAT THROUGHOUT US HISTORY, CONGRESS HAS BEEN "REAL WHIZ" AT INVESTIGATING PRESIDENTIAL SCANDALS, "BUT NEVER SEEMS TO GET ANYWHERE WITH ITS OWN."

O'CONNOR (CHI S-T, 3/29) INTERVIEWS REV SINNOTT--US PRIEST EJECTED FROM SK IN '75--WHO SUSPECTS KCIA HAS BRANCH IN CHICAGO THAT SPIES ON KOREANS THERE. CITES SEVERAL "UNFORTUNATE" ACCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN OUT IN CHICAGO'S PUBLIC FORUMS AGAINST ROKG. SINNOTT ALSO CLAIMS REP DERWINSKI (R-ILL) IS BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO IMPROVING ;UMAN R S IN SK BECAUSE HE HAS "SUCCESSFULLY INTIMIDATED EVERY KOREAN LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY."

NYT ITEM OFFERS IMPRESSIONS OF TONGSUN PARK'S TESTIMONY/ TITLES IT "A STUDY IN GREEN." REMARKS ON PARK'S COMPLETE COOL UNDER QUESTIONING, W/TONE OF VOICE SEEMING INDICATE IT WASN'T REALLY ALL THAT IMPORTANT.

10. JAPAN

CHITRIB DOES FULL-PG PHOTO SPREAD JAPANESE INDUSTRY.

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NEIKIRK COPY (TOKYO) CITES JAPAN'S INCREDIBLE TECHNOLOGY/WORKERS' UNRELENTING ENERGY IN CONTINUALLY STRIVING INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY.

11. INDONESIA

NYT'S KAMM (BANDUNG) OBSERVES NOW THAT SUHARTO RE-ELECTED, STUDENT PROTESTS HAVE DIMINISHED. ACCORDING STUDENT GROUP, SUHARTO'S ELECTION ACCEPTED FACT/"WE HOPE HE WILL HEAR OUR VOICES AND MAKE SOME CHANGES." KAMM FINDS STUDENTS VER LOYAL/PROUD OF THEIR GOVT, ALTHO CRITICAL. REVIEWS UNREST WHICH BEGAN JAN/GOVT'S HARSH REACTION. SAYS TODAY, CAMPUS REMAINS IDYLLIC SCENE, W/ SOLDIER; "STAYING DISCREETLY OUT OF SIGHT."

CSM'S BELL (SINGAPORE) DOES TRAVEL-TYPE ITEM FROM CAPITAL. CITES NATION'S "REMARKABLE SUCCESS STORY" IN INDUSTRY/COMMERCIALISM. MENTIONS STRONG BRITISH INFLUENCE STILL PRESENT. IN ALL, FINDS SINGAPORE "LUSH, ORDERLY, AND JUST A LITTLE BORING." VANCE

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